Lowering Old Glory



The Norton City employees take down the flags after the Labor Day weekend along State Street, signaling the end of the big summer holiday weekends.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Phillipsburg to hold 9/11 remembrance

As part of the nationwide Robinson, speeches by Barobservance of the Sept. 11, 2001 tenth anniversary, Phillips County and Phillipsburg are planning a special program at 7 p.m. on the Phillipsburg Courthouse Square, Sunday, Sept. 11.

"Phillipsburg Remembers America's Heroes" will feature a proclamation by Mayor Fred

bara and Merlin Dennis, and Sherry Robinson, all of whom spent time helping the Salvation zero during the cleanup.

Army and Red Cross at ground Besides honoring those directly involved in the tragic day, Phillipsburg will also honor lomen and women. There will be a poem specially written for the occasion, music and a candlelight vigil.

A piece of the Twin Towers has graced the courthouse lawn for several years, but until now, was never dedicated.

Call Mike with all your social news.

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Mulch is key to successful gardening

Bv Kav Melia

Time was, (last year) when I sincerely believed that the most important step to a productive garden, was proper seed variety selection. In other years, in descending order, I believed that the most important facet of gardening was proper soil preparation, watering the garden correctly, timely harvesting, or planting as early as possible.

Do you mind if I change my mind again?

I think I finally have it right, after all those years of hanging out in the backyard.

All things considered, the absolute sure way to insure a productive garden is the proper use of mulch. You heard right. Mulch! It's defined as any material or substance such as straw, leaves, old hay, shredded newspaper, compost, or black plastic, spread on the ground to prevent the growth of weeds, preserve roots of plants from heat and

I must tell you, and I'm certain that other gardeners will verify, that I cannot recall ever having a crop failure when I have properly mulched the rows or beds of growing plants. The truth became apparent again this year when I properly mulched my potatoes, peppers, cucumbers, and cantaloupe and all produced bumper crops. Other vegetables not receiving this preferred treatment produced average crops, or less.

My mulch of choice is leaves. I sack up many, many bags of them each October and November and store them in the barn until application time next gardening season. It doesn't have to be leaves. Straw, available in abundance in this area, is very good mulch and the older the better. The problem with straw

moisture, and to protect the nowadays is finding a farmer who still utilizes the small bales. Trying to mulch a garden with a big, round bale is not recommended.

> There is a proper time to apply mulch in your garden. Never add it around growing plants until the soil has warmed to as high as 60 to 65 degrees, because plant roots might bedamaged if the soil is still cool. When the soil warms up, mulch will keep the roots at the proper temperature while the plant is maturing. When you add mulch, apply it generously. I mulch potatoes when the plants are only about 8 inches high, and I almost cover the plant with the leaves. The leaves soon settle and the plants thrive. Mulch serves still another important job when you plow your garden in the fall and all those nutrients are returned to the soil, black plastic mulch

Again what are the seasonal advantages of mulching? No weeds grow through the mulch, moisture, both added and natural, keeps the plants moist and your garden will need much less watering all summer. Cooler root systems also mean bigger

Proper mulching of your garden is practically a guarantee of a more productive garden. Lay in a good supply of those big black trash bags as you locate a supplier of good clean leaves when fall arrives. Find a farm friend who might trade a small bale or two of straw for a few onions next summer.

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cal firemen and police, EMTs,

driven by Gloria Cole, Norton, when a deer ran onto the highway. The driver was unable to

Sept. 1: A 2010 Chrysler avoid striking the deer, causing damage to the vehicle. The acciwas west bound on Highway 36, dent was investigated by Deputy Rich Wenzl.

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Disaster loans available to farmers

Farmers in Rawlins, Decatur, tornadoes, straight-line winds and flooding may now apply for Farm Service Agency emergen-

Loans covering physical and/ or production losses may be made at a 3.75 percent interest rate, and are scheduled for repayment as rapidly as feasible, consistent with the applicant's reasonable ability to pay.

The agency's Farm Loan Programs staff is committed to new and existing customers, customer goals and our rural communities. Farm Service Agency's service extends beyond the typical loan, offering customers ongoing consultation, advice and creative ways to make your farm business thrive.

Loans covering physical losses may be used to replace installations, equipment, livestock or buildings (including homes), lost through this disaster. Agency loans covering pro-

duction losses may be used to buy feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock, or to make payments on real estate and chattel debts. Funds can also be used for other essential operating and living expenses.

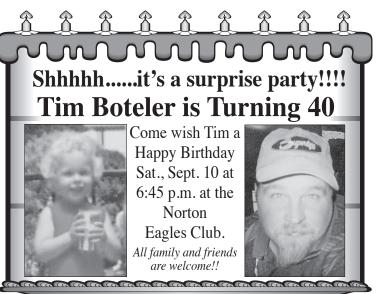
To be eligible for an emergency disaster loan, an applicant must be operating a family size farm or ranch, must be unable to get credit elsewhere, and must have suffered a qualifying physical and/or production loss from the disaster.

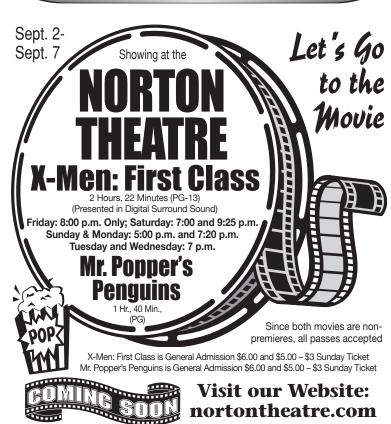
Correction

Due to misinformation, Page 11 of the Norton Telegram's postfair edition incorrectly identified Stacie Elliott. The Telegram apologizes for the error.

Farmers who suffered at least Norton and Phillips Counties a 30 percent reduction to at who suffered crop or livestock least one cropping enterprise losses due to severe storms, may have a qualifying production loss. Emergency disaster production loss loans cover 100 percent of qualifying losses.

Farmers and ranchers that think they may be eligible should contact the Norton County FSA Office at PO Box 365, 11506 Pineview Drive, Norton, Kansas 67654 or call 785-877-5156 for information or to apply.





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